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COMMENTS ON REASON FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Supplemental Notice of Allowance mailed April 7, 2006 and the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully notes the following.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering the requested amendment to the specification and for confirming that no fee was required for the proper entry of the amendment. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for confirming that the previously submitted Information Disclosure Statements (submitted February 6, 2004 and November 25, 2003) were properly submitted and that their review will be confirmed.

Additionally, Applicant notes that the previous amendments and remarks are consistent with the meaning of the term "M configuration," used in the present claims. This is clearly demonstrated by the Applicant's election of Specie 6 in response to the Restriction Requirement. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner noted that Figure 13N was representative of Specie 6. Applicant notes that the previous statement regarding the relevance of original Claim 29 may not have been correct in regard to this embodiment. Ample support for the term "M

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configuration,” as used in the claims, is found throughout the specification and claims, for example in Figure 13 and Claim 3.

Finally, while Applicant agreed to the amendment of Claim 28, Applicant does not believe that it was necessarily required when the claim is read in light of the specification. Applicant reserves the right to pursue previously pending Claim 28, as well as the previously filed claims, in a subsequently filed application.

Respectfully submitted,

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